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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2163

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventor(s):

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METHODS AND -

SYSTEMS TO ACCESS STORAGE OBJECTS

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 12, 2005

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action of October 12, 2005, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

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